

HA-1821
1927
Bel Air
Private

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FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

3. Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

 x 11. Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

 12. Modern Period 1930 - present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme:

2. Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community
Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Architecture

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: unknown

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1821

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thompson House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 430 E. Broadway n/a not for publication

city, town Bel Air _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 3rd

state MD county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grasham

street & number 430 E. Broadway telephone no.: 838-4539

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 718

street & number _____ folio 581

city, town Bel Air state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: one

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Exterior projections include the front porch with its slightly hipped roof carried on 3 square posts and the enclosed, shed-roofed, 2 bay back (north) porch. Double-hung sash windows, 1/1, complete this simple exterior.

The entrance in the east bay of the facade (south) leads directly to the small living room. A closed-string, dog-leg stair with square newel and balusters rises along the east wall. A large opening leads to the dining room to the north. The renovated kitchen is to the east of the dining room. Upstairs are 3 bedrooms and a bath over the stairs. Woodwork throughout is plain, and the doors have 5 horizontal panels.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1927

Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Ola Mae MacLean was the sister of Hall MacLean, who ran an automobile dealership at the corner of Courtland and Hickory. She did the title work and kept books for him.

The Thompsons had four children, and one wonders how they managed in this small house. Clearly our demands for personal space have changed.

Paul Grasham, the current owner, works at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. MD-1022

Harford County Land Records
Site visit, 24 April 1993

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Bel AirQuadrangle scale 1:24,000UTM References ☐ do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 406 in the Town of Bel Air, 7,500 sq. ft.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Marilyn M. Lareworganization _____ date 6-2-93street & number RD 1 Box 219 New Park Rd. telephone 717-993-3557city or town New Park state PA 17352

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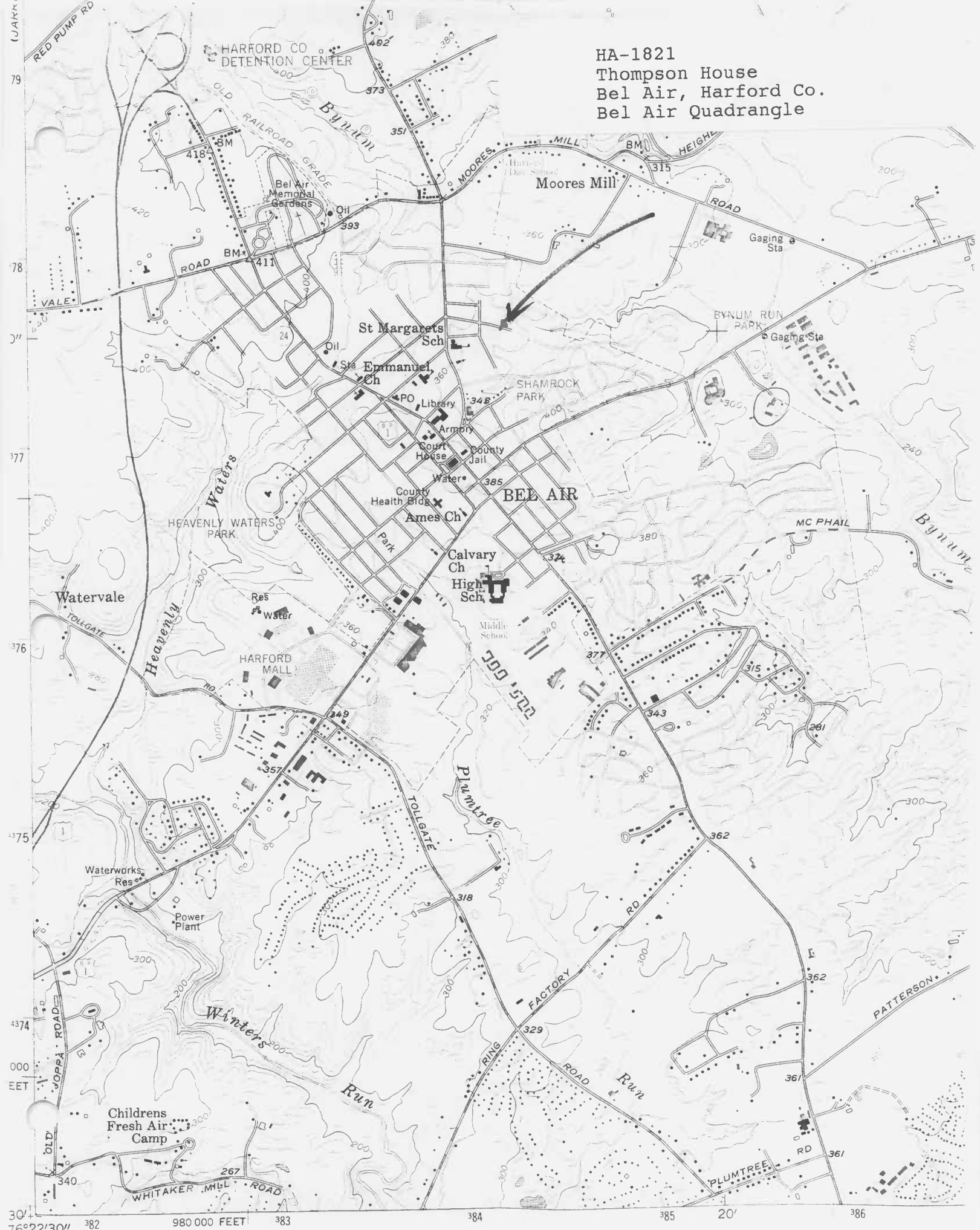
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Thompson House
430 E. Broadway
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Paul Grasham

- 718/581 10 Aug 1966
Sophie T. Thompson, widow
to
Paul Grasham and Silvia M.
lots 48, 49, and w half of 50, block A, Ingleside
- 211/282 22 Jan 1929
Ola Mae MacLean, feme [sic] sole
to
James Thompson and Sophia T.
same land "on which the dwelling house and garage are
now fully completed"
- 181/503 12 May 1923
J. Edwin Webster and Dora R.
to
Ola May McLean [sic]
lots 48-56 1/2 block A, Ingleside
restrictions: no house fronting on Conowingo Rd.
(Hickory) shall cost less than \$4,000 or less than
\$3,00 on other lots in Ingleside. No sales to persons
of African descent. Black servants may live there. No
commercial use for 25 years.

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Bel Air Quadrangle





430 E. BROADWAY
BEL AIR



142-501
THE WILSON HILL
Hill
Hill
Hill

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430 E. BROADWAY
BEL AIR